Rabbit, 'Coon and 'Possum Season Open in Many States; Ice Fishing Now On in New York and New England

RABBIT SEASON ON GRIZZLY DOES BIT; IN MANY STATES

tributed and Chase Furnishes Real Sport.

GOOD DOG OF MUCH HELP SNOW GIVES PROTECTION

The rabbit season is open throughout purposery in Marsachusetts, New Hamp-hire and Vermont and until the end of March in Maine.

Twenty-eight States give no protection whatever to the rabbit. These states include:

Some States have long open scasons, ch as Indiana, 3 1-3 months; Maine, months; Vermont, 514months; New

riginia. Treatened extermination also may have had something to do with it. North American rabbits belong to two general classes, easily distinguished by their size and habits. The larger forms include the Arctio or varying tares or enowahee rabbits, and the jack rabbits. Jack rabbits are found west of the Mississippi River. Snowshoe rabbits make their home in certain States sat of the Mississippi. They are taken in the northern part of New Hampshire, Vermont, New York, Michigan, Wisconsia and Minnesota. In the Appalachian mountains these big rabbits are found in parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Tracks are followed by the hunter with his gun.

The grimly, however, so far as Western reports can be obtained, is still true to Hoover, although the evidence recently submitted by the number of the Honor true is still much to be learned of the parts of Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia.

Cottontails in Every State.

Cottontail rabbits, the smaller species, are found throughout all the States iring the absent treatment to the section of the country where the snowshoe rabbits holds away. Recently, however, they have made inroads on the domain of the snowshoe species, invading New Eagland and upper New York State and passing across the Ontario border.

Dettonial rabbits live in copses and thekets, their young being born naked, hind and helpless, while those of the larger species of rabbits have their eyes open, are partially furred and active when born.

The cottonial is "fast," but it was the jack rabbit that Mark Twain had in mind when he said: "He frequently dropped his cars, set up his tail and left for San Francisco at lightning speed. Long after he was out of sight wa could har him whis."

The wide territory over which the rabbit is distributed results in various ways of hunting moily. At one time ferreting was much in vogue, but many States sweptohibit the use of ferrets.

Santhern Burkey an Expert.

Probably the most expert rabbit hunter is the Southern darkey, who can see a rabbit "where he ain't." Accominated by his dog—and what colored family in the South hasn't a dog or three or four?—he dollows the haunts of the cottnial, and whether he and his muskkants needed. the Southern darkey rarely comes home with an empty game bag. No swamp or brush is too thick for "Pap" and the Becomes Troublesome.

practised in the Southern States.

In the North the usual mode is to track the rabbit when there is snow on the ground, although certain States pro-

Where the animal is not troublesome, blologists of the United States Department of Agriculture suggest that it be protected and trapped for fur. Even where the innewed, will seek the brush pile and other thick cover and will started we may be sure of one thing: Sooner w later the rabbit will turn and come back over the trail and you have the blassure of anticipation and the thrill that comes when the dog yelps louder and louder as the trail gets warmer.

Often gunners seek the rabbit by walking. This pastime requires good shoes, for the walking is bound to be good.

Rabbit hunting is a popular sport, and holess a sportsman than Grover Cleveland, twice President of the United States Department that comes have a standard trapped for fur. Even where the animal has become somewhat of a pest, its numbers often may be tested when the sale of pelts makes such activities profitable.

Often crops may be protected by the erection of wire mesh feaces between them and the marsh or pend where the animals live. Such fences abould reach at least six inches beneath the surface of the ground to prevent the muskrat burrowing under.

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Attributed to Wet Springs and

Visit of Goshawk.

Augusta, Me., Feb. 2.—The decrease of ruffed grouse in the New England States has been attributed to, a large stent to wet springs, making conditions hard for nesting, and to the visits of the

When asked if the goshawk invasion from the Arctic region had increased this year Thomas A. James, curator of the State Museum, said yesterday: To no greater extent than in any

Graham, Massachusetts Commissioner Pisheries and Game, is endeavoring make the rivers yield an increased su ply of the

by not see if we can get feed out

Protection for Recocons.

Raccoom have been added to the pre-lected list in California, Minnesota and Nabraska and will have a close season also in Arkansas and Oklahoms. Pirat Ald for B'rer Pessumpossums will hereafter be protected close season in Arkaneas, Nebraska

TRUE TO HOOVER

Cottontail Family Widely Dis- Abstaining From Food During Winter: Black Bear, However, Roaming Around.

The bears of North America are "doing their bit" to help win the war for
America and make the world safe for
democracy. Last summer when food
was plentiful they ate much, accumulated fat and are now curled up in the
base of a hollow tree, a cavity under the
roots of a tree, washout holes or rugged
caverns or natural caves or deep dens
which they have dug themselves.

From these they will not emerge until
spring when, after a few days of outing,
they will be "as hungry as a bear" and
ready to consume food again after an
abstinence lasting from three to five
months.

months.

Curiously enough, the great bears of North America do not hibernate, and, strange as it may seem, of late more than the usual number of black bears have been killed along the Alleghanies from Tennessee to Maine.

remonths; Vermont. 5-1/4 months; New Rampshire and Illinois, 5 months; Wiscosin, 41/4 months; New York (up. Sate, Long Island not included), and Michigae. 4 months: and 3 months or pare. Connecticut, Virginia and the District of Columbia.

During the past year legislation has helined toward lessening the long open sessons. Doubtless the reason for this is been in many cases to keep gunners est of the game fields in the open time for upland game. This is particularly true of Kentucky. California and West virginia. Treatened extermination also minia. Treatened extermination also tracks are followed by the hunter with

Bear Lives Without Eating.

When the bear hibernates and the snows begin to drift in and close the

for the American people and many more. No animal could do more to save the food supply than does the bear.

MUSKRATS NEEDED

pickaninnies to go through.

A method much in vogue is to take a couple of beagle hounds and put the mabilit hunters on stands, then follow the intal in the United States, under some circumstances it becomes detrimental unlike that of deer hunting with dogs as age to growing crops, irrigation ditches, mill dame, &c., says a bulletin of the De-partment of Agriculture just issued. Where the animal is not troublesome, blologists of the United States Depart-

owners of embankments, dams, &c., may guard against injuries to their property by musicrats. A more general use of concrete, for example, has greatly spini-mized such troubles. The more liberal use of gravel or occurs sand for the sur-face of embankments has been found ef-fective since the animals will not bur-row in soil that fills the hole as fast as they onen if. they open ft.

GREY LIKES LONG KEY CLUB. Says Organisation Has Fine Start

To no greater extent than in any other year. Some of them stop off on their flight from the colder regions every year and our small feathered game suffer therefrom. They are death on our ruled groune, killing all they can reach. "One of these specimens I received for mounting had in its stomach a Plymouth Rock chick, a ruffed groune and a gray suirrel. They are the worst posts for our small feathered game there are."

MORP FIRM FROM RIVERS.

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Massachusetts Commissioner Seeking Greater Yield.

Sankouning, Mass., Feb. 2.—Zeane Grey likes the men of the Long Key Fishing Club. In speaking of the club and its alm he puts it in this wise:

"The club has the glace, the men and the start, and its object is to grow to be a source of pride and glassure to its members and a matter of ambitious achievement for others, and particularly to become a power in the angling world, developing the best and finest traits of eport, to restrict the killing of fish, to educate the inexperienced by help and shame the fish heg by example, to teach the thing so imperatively needed in this country—conservation." to Teach Concervation.

Submarine No Terror for Auglor.



PISCATORIAL PERSIFLAGE

Treus Fisher's Midwinter Night's Dream. Dear fellow irrout fishermen, did it very happen to you as at at your deek on a late February afternoon and a very happen to you as you sat at your deek on a late February afternoon and a very happen to you as you was to the fisher than a you were to see him?

And after you had lighted up your and offer you had lighted up your and you were to see him?

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There's a speckled trout, six pounds, from Lake Mepsonsin; There's a bass, eight pounds, from Kus Kwo Han. Thirty-six, that musky from Wisconsin, Twenty-three, that pike from the Plega: Twenty-three, that pike from the Fregan. And you lay back in your chair and ive over again the taking of each fish fou make the cast, you see the strike, ou feel the tug on your rod, you see tuures and hear the reel hum as the line s taken out. You feel again the clation of the fight. You see a big one stretched on the bettom of your cance, or lying in your creel. You close your eyes and hear our creel. You oless your eyes and hear he waves lapping the side of your cance, he wind in the pines, the rushing brook; ou see the sparks whirling up into dark-size, the mists rising from the valley at

MANTA TO BE ON EXHIBITION SOON

Museum of Natural History Has Big Ray Almost Done.

The model which has been made the Manta or "devilfish" captured in Florida for the American Museum of Natural History some time ago by Russell J. Colee has been worked into final form in the department of preparation and will soon be on public view in the

Many mechanical difficulties had to be overcome to produce a thoroughly satis-factory exhibition specimen of this great diamond shaped ray, which is more than eighteen feet across.

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The completed model, however, will not only be the first of its kind to be placed on exhibition in any museum, but also of an excellence which must remain unsurpassed for years.

Manta, meaning "blanket," first applied to this see monster by Spanish speaking people on account of its great breadth, is in many respects more desirable than the English name "devilfish," to which the giant octopus has prior claim.

SAYS GROUSE WILL RETURN.

ame Observer Says No Need for Legislation.

Milroso, N. H., Feb. 2.—George A. Meintire, who has been an observer of game birds for more than thirty years, believes that ruffed grouse, or partridge, will come back without the need of protective legislation.

In his hunting experience he says he has known four periods of scarolty. Three times the birds have been scarcer than this year and without the aid of legislation the numbers became re-

Likes and Distikes of Fores. AFALON, Cal., Feb. 2.—Submarines have no terrors for George II. Hedson California and Indiana. Fox dens are of Bradford, England. Each year since August 1, 1916, "Uncle George" has goed the Close season for fexes and will content in the angling contest of the Wisconsin also has placed a bounty on Tuna Club.

HIGH WATER FOR LOCAL ANGLESS FROM PERSONS & TO PERSONNY 16.

the night is cold, and winter winds are hurling some and sleet against your window Your wellds close; shrisk on, oh wild December 2000 and sleet against your window Your wellds close; shrisk on, oh wild December 2000 and sleet against your window Your well on the comber 2000 and the comber 2000 and the comber 2000 are the comber 2000 and the co

pane,
And from your fire, in spirals upward curling.
Smoke rings into wreaths resolving, turn to rings again.
Within your armchair, padded soft, before you have fire reclining.

Fairest wildlowers oft your feet entwining.

Einerald vines your progress oft delayed.

Left behind, the world and all its sadness.

Care and sorrow have no dwelling here.

Scenes of rarest beauty, songs of gladness.

Charm the eye and soothe the listening

Startled springs the thrush from out the brake.

Your tackle book you take from out younr creel. Four siender rod together new you're fit-

Through the torrant swift his source he urges:

Mid roots and jagged rocks your tackle's atrength he tries.

The curving rod soon checks his desparate surges.

In your not's brown meshes now he duite the administration of game laws.

4. Coordination among neighboring states in the interest of uniform open.

Within your creek, sool waterstones bed-ding.

How radiant the beauty that year prise reveals.

Tender hands, green grasses e'er it spread"Sport for Sport's Sales."

rithin your armchair, pageded so, your fire reclining.

Drowsilly you see a thousand dancing shadows cast

Per penciled trout, and bass, and pike.

The walls around you lining.

Recollections they recall of happy days agrayed.

Recollections they recall of happy days wanted the sungle brightly chining:

Underneath your path's with jewels agrayed.

Fairest wilditowers oft your feet entwining.

Emerald vines your progress oft delayed.

In the distance sounds a partridge drum-Rusting through the rushes gildes a

ew you see the brook; its current runhing, Eddying foam above, dark, cool below, ends its flood through many a crevice gushing:
A tangled mass along each bank, the rhododendrons grow.

Golden brown, its bed of sand and gravel, Mossy green, the rocks its margins strew. Silvary bright, its rippling waters travel Over many a sunken log, or falles tree top through.

Budded green, the hemlocks e'er it leaning.
Sombre twilight makes the liveleng day.
Pink and white, the laurel blossoms screen. ing.
From its quivering breast the sums bright ray.

In such foam flecked pool the trout are leaping.

O'er the dancing waves the water skipper ride.

Through tangled roots a mink is slying creeping;

In the chestnur's twisted trunk a squirrel tries to hide.

SOUTH GIVES FUN

When Animal Leaves Tree to Make Escape.

MANY WAYS OF COOKING

The man or woman who goes South to escape the winter weather, if they are of the investigating sort of mind, discover that sweet potatoes and 'possum and hot corn mussins make a combination that is worth trying again. Also it eaves beef, mutton and pork, which will help to win the war for the democratic nations.

To add zest to the meal, however, one must go on a 'possum hunt and id in its capture. Much of the enjoyment of eating 'possum attaches to the cooking. The 'possum is never skinned, but should be rolled in hot asies and soraped as a pig is scraped.

The intervent is a game in the protector which have been placed before him. After a short period of such field instruction is the is assigned to work with a fellow protector and eventually he is permitted to work alone. This period of instruction is the crucial point in the man's career and the time devoted to it is generally well spent.

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"When the new protector commences of the must in the first instance familiarise himself with the streams that flow through his territory must be similarly a familiar to him. He must understand the kind of cover these woods provided the kind of cover these woods provided and the game that inhabits them. These the animal is stuffed with sweet.

This is particularly true of game play in a practical way the principles which have been placed before him. After a short period of such field instruction is the in assigned to work with the fill on the in assigned to work with the spent in the man's career and the time devoted to it is gene

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"President Wilson grows bigger daily.
Having had a 'possum wished on him from some lummoz in Missiesippi who wanted to get rid of the beast. Woodrow did not pretend to eat the 'only American marsupial,' but sent it to the Zoo. 'Possums are about as fit to eat the county from which the man is to be appointed. The examination is held in the county from which the man is to be appointed. The examination is held in the county from which the man is to be appointed.

"My Old Kentucky Home's" second

On the meadow, the All and the shore! They sing no mo' by the glimmer of the

On the beach by the old cabin door. The Missouri State convention, which indorsed Champ Clark for the Presidency, which George Harvey, Col. House in the field is accordingly next in order. Permit a conviction for a crime to be the field in the field

My dawg Drum is a good of houn'.
Trails the 'possum on the driest groun'.
Makes no difference if he is a houn'.
You've got a-quit kickin' my dawg aroun'.
In fact br'er 'possum has been embalmed in verse:

Carve dat 'possum! Carve dat 'possum! Carve him to de bone! And again:

Possum up de gum stump:
Cooney down de holler,
Cotch him and bring him hyeah,
An' Pil give reu haif a dellah
Of course, hunting 'possum is not one
of the topnotch sports; but there is a bit
of fun in it, travelling through the
woods, particularly on a moonlight night,
for ones the down woods, particularly on a moonlight night, for once the dogs get the scant they will follow it until that 'possum is treed.

You may walk miles, but you will see some fight when the colored brethren and the dogs and the 'possum are all fighting together, the dogs to get the 'possum, the colored men to get the 'possum alive by catching it by the back of the neck to keep away from the animals'.

American Game Protective Asso

ciation Seeks Five Objects. Tour slender rod together new you're noting.

To your lines unwinding gayly sings your real.

A six foot leader from its box selecting.
Upon your line you tie with anxious care feeting.
Light as thistle down, almost, it foots upon the sir.

Behind a tust of farms now slyly kneeling, Upon the pool your fly you lightly east.
Out of the depths, the rainteew have revaling.
A big trout strikes it; now you have him fast.

The American Game Protective Association has begun a nationwide campaign for the following objects:

1. The increases of our native game through (a) Better and more wide-spread organization of sportsmen for its protection and friendly cooperation with State Fish and Game commissions. (b) Systematic and persistent trapping of vermin. (c) Organized and sustained of the depths, the rainteew have restablishment of conductaries in every community where game may breed undisturbed. The American Game Protective Asso-

GOSHAWES CROSS BORDER.

Searcity of Game in North Con-Crimen spets, mid gold and asure gleaming.

Rown mettled back, due white, red, black below.

Blowly from your view now fades the visions;

Through the fresty pane you see the mocalight gleam, 'Visions;

Through the fresty pane you see the mocalight gleam, 'Visions,' The Manager new yest dwell in scenes Blysian, 'Visions,' The black could be a see that white gleam, 'Visions,' The black could be a see that white is shaking your shoulder as she says' "Tom. Tem, wake up. Do you know what time it in?" And then you have the great horned owl also cakes his stay there.

This year there is a scarcity of feathers ould lee, she exclaims: 'Why, what in the world——!' And then, held great horned on the gostowith and sympathetic, too, she comes close to you, and sympathetic, too, she comes close to you, and with sher arms around year mack and her lips close to your, and sympathetic, too, she comes close to you, and with sher arms around year mack and her lips close to your, and with sher arms around year mack and her lips close to your, and with sher arms around year mack and her lips close to your, as any supposite for the presence of the gostowith fishing so much?" Then what do you have recently appeared in this section of the country in large numbers. try Brings Species Here.

C. H. Wells and Prize Winning Channel Bass POSSUM TIME DOWN Game Protectors True Americans, Says Legge ON ONE'S DOORSTEP

> Mixup of Bogs and Hunters State Chief of Division of Fish and Game Believes Men True of Southern States; More Must Be Doers Rather Than Dreamers: Character and Courage Essential.

it. This is particularly true of game matters may appear extraneous at first protectors.

"Protectors must be doers than dreamers; men of few words, who look dreamers; men of few words, who look you straight in the eye and let their teotor should know first what he is employed.

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"A protectors must be doers than if dreamers: men of few words, who look you straight in the eye and let their actions speak for them. They are a distinct set of men of a definite type. In the snag of the eye and the expression of the mouth, they are typical Amaricans.

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Representative Views on 'Possum. There are any number of ways of cooking the animal, depending upon the State one halls from. The Virginia and no less and misportant citizen than John Stewart Bryan, editor of the Richmond Times misportant citizen than John Stewart Bryan, editor of the Richmond Times must acquire the habit of using ballegates, remarked concerning a 'possum wished on him her habit of using ballegates, remarked concerning a 'possum wished on him the character of the procedure is not wished on the same in the application of the law to a given state of facts: to determine whether to Mr. Wilson grows object daily, "President Wilson grows object asity," How some luminor in Mississippi who wanted to get rid of the beast, wood, wanted to get rid of the beast, wood wanted to get rid of the beast, wood, wanted to get rid of the beast, wood.

"In protector is must be deers distinct their protector is required to attent meetings of his division, which are held monthly and are presided over by the division, which are held monthly and are presided over by the division chief protector. It is a session of school, pure and simple. The businers consists of the gasding of the minutes of the businers consists of the gasding of the minutes of the businers of the law for the minutes of the sale division chief protector. It is a session of the law for the him protector is required to attent meetings of his division, which are helding hond him protector. It is a

Senator Robert L. Taylor of Tennes-nation is held in the county from which see. Fiddling Bob, in his lifetime was very fond of 'possum. Just before his that the candidates may be better

takes the new protector in hand and thoroughly covers with him the various duties that he must perform in the field, the various reports that must be submitted, and the policies adopted by the commission affecting the enforcement of the law. He explains to him the substantive effucture of the law (the principle on which the law is framed, its prohibitions, its permissions and the omissions which constitute the violations thereof), and the making out of the various court papers necessary to the thereof), and the making out of the cannot be expected to respect its officers the south every good for nothing to unless the men respect themselves and sure to be a fine 'coon dog. So that also unless the men respect themselves and their position.

"New conditions are constantly controlling the protector. Many of these ways, at any time, the hunters can also ways get the dogs.

As a rule a group of boys and men conditions are created through the use protector's entire attitude toward his of the ever ready and much used means and they hunt through the woods and swamps, for the 'coon is a night wan-

"After this preliminary instruction the chief protector of the division to which he is assigned for further practical in-struction and development. This con-stitutes the second step of the man's de-

struction and development. This constitutes the second step of the man's development.

"Before a protector undertakes field work the problems presented there must be thoroughly understood, and a course that of the violator. While the protector may have suspicions, the law does not may have suspicions, the law does not may have suspicions.

GETTING THE LIMIT NOT TRUE SPORT

Being in the Outdoors One-

half of Fun, Says Orr. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 2 .- George C. Orr of the Maine Sportamen's Fish and servation, which seeks public good in Game Association believes that wise obedience to the laws of nature, is a Game Association believes that wise laws can be had only after diligent investigation and proper observance of present laws throughout the State. Also that each individual hunter and fisherman must take a personal heart interest in the recreation afforded by hunting and fishing and the continuance of healthy game conditions for posterity rather than the sole sordid joy of bringing home the game to his own threshold.

"Tt's not all of fishing to fish," says Mr. Orr, "but the joy of going after them; and it's not all of gunning to kill. The man who will attain the frame of mind in which he will get at least one-half his sport by merely being out in the State's backwoods and let his quota of game and fish be what it will at the end of the day is the sportsman who will not only observe the law for the State's best interest but furthermore will have a favorable influence among others with whom he comes in contact.

"The development of the protector is continually in a state of advancement as well as the individual. The time taken up with the development of the infit-vidual protector as well as the organization is well spent and the results attained are of the utmost importance and benefit not only to the protector but also to the State and the community. An efficient protector is the pride of any community. He has the respect, the support of his fellow citizens, while, on the other hand, an inefficient protector causes disrespect for the State and for himself and is hindered at every turn by the people."

MAINE SPORTSMAN

SOUNDS WARNING laws can be had only after diligent inwhom he comes in contact.

"Individual practice is of vital interest if we would have every hunter and fisherman a sportsman in the truest sense of the word; and a sportsman is not a disgruntled hunter with a flat game bag nor a petulant angler with an empty creel."

WILD LIFE MOVIE SHOW. Thrill and Comedy Supplied by Birds and Fish.

Avalon, Cal., Feb. 2 .- Visitors to

avalon Bay the other day witnessed the emarkable sight of a wild life menegcerie between two piera.

A school of yellow tails, attracted by the abundance of sardines, smelt and anchovies, came in shore. The yellow tail were followed by pelicans, the birds diving sometimes between twenty-five and fifty feet, striking the water with a resounding splash. Screaming guils cir-cled, picking up what fish they could. One amusing sight was a big pelican that dived for a sardine or smelt and became entangled in the gills of a yellow tail. The fish pulled the bird's head under gater, but the pelican managed to jerk itself free. For a moment it was a surprised bird.

of very vital import.

"We need to protect our deer to the utmost in closed time, and above all let us use our best influence on our neighbor that he too shall realize the wisdom Raising Birds vs. Vermin Killing. DOUBMAN, Wis., Feb. 2.- David Gordon, who has charge of the game pre-serve of Col. Gustave Pabet, raised last season \$30 pheasants, 618 ducks, 100 quall and 55 wild turkeys. The list of vermin killed included 26 ground squir-rels or pocket gophers, 43 hawks, 38 owls, 16 crows and 1 wessel.

Costing Taught Free.

Those who desire to be taught casting will find instructors awaiting thom to-day at the grounds of the New York Casting Club, 176th street and Hudson River: Midland Beach Pjehing Club, Grant City, Staten Island, and the Long Island Casting Club, Dexter Park, L. L.

RACCOON HUNTING

Difficult in Northern Swamps.

Crockett himself would have it so for one of his aphorisms was: "Be sure you're right; then go ahead."

Development Never Stops.

radius the automobile is a wonderful aid

professed than practised; that much that

it is also true that the doctrine of con-

SOUNDS WARNING

Deer Supply Diminishing, Also Ruffed Grouse.

BARGOR, Me., Feb. 2 .- A speaker a

minishing supply of deer.
"The time will come," said the speaker, "when our Virginia deer will

also require more stringent protection, perhaps not for a few years yet, but let us keep a close watch.

"If our grouns are being depleted by unfavorable hatching seasons and by predatory animals, let us take steps to artificially produces, and make efforts to diminish the numbers of its natural.

to diminish the numbers of its natural enemies.
"If our shore birds are suffering by intensive and filegal guinning let us put our best effects into obtaining better

warden service and the meting out of severe penalties. Inoidentally the lack of wardens is a matter that our State should be prevalled upon to recognize as

MAINE FISH AND GAME PAY.

Investment of State Will Yield

Tesfold, Sape Crampton.

Augusta, Ma. Feb. 2.—At the annual meeting of the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Came Association, John M. Crampton, Fish and Game Commissioner of Connecticut, made the statement that

meetings are transcribed and filed with the chief game protector.

"The division meetings are frequently attended by the chief-protector or the deputy chief protector, for the purpose of personal contact with the men in the various districts. They are able to en-courage and counsel them in their work "I am Captain Scott. "Are you Captain Martin Scott?"
"The same." "The same."
"Well," said the coon, unlimbering

himself, "you need not shoot; I'll come and to point out to them the new mat-ters which are constantly developing. While freedom of discussion is funda-Down South, where the high price of cotton has resulted in an influx of auto-mobiles, 'coon hunters take the sport in an easy fashion. mental during a division meeting, the loyal acceptance of the policies deter-mined by the commission is essentially fundamental, for no organization can Sometimes the "culled pusson" or the

"cracker" does not leave his own door-step. The dogs are sent out and perfundamental, for no organization can step. The dogs are sent out and per-live and serve the people unless this haps an hour later the wife will say to principle is made effective. old varmint's started a 'coon; he's coming nigher. Reckon you'd better git the Bill gets his gun, takes aim at the

'coon in the tree and comes back, usually after a short walk, with a 'coon for

Coon Dogs Plentiful. Usually, however, much more effort is required to tree the 'coon than that. In the South every good for nothing dog is sure to be a fine 'coon dog. So that ai-

of transportation, the automobile. With an automobile it is possible to go great distances into country which but a times an axe to cut the tree where the distances into country which but a times an axe to cut the tree where the not only to the frunter but also to the profector.

"Due to its speed and its travelling radius the automatic."

The 'coon takes refuge. The 'coon is located by using a pine knot torch, the shining cyes of the 'coon being readily seen. As moonlight winter the water moonlight night is particularly a desir-

able one to hunt.
While 'coon hunting is regarded as the common or garden variety of hunting, it has its thrills and when at midnight a stop is made and a fire built and the supper passed around the unique sport

evidence, and it is to obtain evidence against such violators that he must make use of the best that is in him. SHARK ETIQUETTE "Many persons will take advantage of the new protector's inexperience and timidity, and as a result many pitfalls AMONG SAMOANS await him. History and daily observa-tion compel the conviction that the be-lief in conservation is more frequently Rigid System Observed as to Best Cuts of Flesh.

assumes the name and passes current with the world is utterly spurious. Yet tam Churchill, authority on Poisnesian languages and customs, was invited res-cently to taste the smoked shark pra-pared by the chefs of the Burcau of real and active virtue.

"The development of the protector eest emoked fish of which I have ever Shark is no novelty to Mr. Churchill. Writing to the Commissioner of the rigid system of stiquette which governs

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the Samoans in all the important mate ters of their lives, dinner standing high "The head is assigned to the dignified

class of orators who stand next to and are the personal representatives of the "The flesh just behind the gill slits is set apart for guests whom the host will "The pectorals are the purtenance of

"The cuts across the spine next abuts he pectorals are considered fit for "For the chiefs the tall and the belly parts are reserved. This etiquette of service probably represents a gastronomic selectivity; therefore it may have some interest to the fish economist."

the annual meeting of the Maine Sportsmen's Fish and Game Association who
said that the close time on moose was
not made any too soon, sounded a warning that the time may soon arrive for
the Pine Tree State to look into the dimentalshing supply of deer.

LANSDALS. Ph. Feb. 2.—J. Folver

LANSDALE, Po., Feb. 2.-J. Felver town to a porcupine supper, the latter being the contribution of R. Heebner's hunting prowess.

Editor Lyman of the Landstale Reporter, who conducts a "colyum" in that newspaper, telling of the dinner in a Samuel Pepys style, says: "Albeit hunters did often tell me it was as delifar as the meat of the deer be concerned, "Of the gastronomic qualities of the 'possum. I am in ignorance, never having graced my plate with that delicacy, which much does resemble the young pig roasted, I am told.

"Be that as it may, a number of good fellows did enjoy a royal feast this night and the repulsive brute in life did make some excellent eating. But one or two did seem more partial to the fried chicken.

Changes in bounty laws were made in Connecticut, Idaho, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Vermont, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

67 Pound Albicore Caught. AVALON, Cal., Feb. 2 .- Capt. Tad Grey of the launch Swastika landed un albi-"What Maine ought to do is to spend ten times as much money on its fish and this the record specimen of the Tuna Club game as it is doing. For every ten spent you will get \$100 back."

Frank Kelly of Goshen, Ind.

States Change Bounty Laws.